

The Birth Rites Collection

Online Tours of the Artworks in the Collection



Ana Casas Broda, *Kinderwunsch* (2006-2012) Published by La Fábrica, Spain 2013 C-Type Print 60 x 90 cm
Courtesy of Ana Casas Broda and Birth Rites Collection

Birth Rites Collection is a collection of contemporary art which explores the politics and practice of childbirth and supports artists to make work on the subject of birth. Comprising of photography, sculpture, painting, artist books, print, drawing, new media and film, it is the only UK collection of contemporary art on childbirth in the world.

Our aim is to challenge taboos around a traditionally sidelined subject, birth, which only now, is beginning to be recognised as an important theme in contemporary art. Birth Rites Collection explores the politics and practice of birth and contributes to debates around pregnancy, maternity, post-partum mental health, reproductive technologies, reproductive health inequalities, the future of care, as well as impacting on the teaching of medicine, midwifery and art. Social engagement and education is a priority.

The collection is hosted by the Department of Midwifery, part of the Florence Nightingale Faculty of Nursing, Midwifery & Palliative Care at King's College, London. It is displayed across Guy's Campus in New Hunt's House, the Chantler SaLL Clinical Skills Centre, the Henriette Raphael Building and the Hodgkin Building.

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"This was a wonderful experience, and I would have loved to spend the whole day here. Beautiful exhibits!" - Tour Participant.

We want to broaden out our virtual tours of the artworks in the collection by reaching out to different audiences across the UK. We feel this opportunity to directly engage all those involved to come together around an exciting platform and encourage debate and conversation around reproduction.

It will encourage networking and reflection on the issues surrounding maternity in an informal and enjoyable manner.

Cost

Normally our tours are booked via Eventbrite and cost £7 per person. We propose that we lead the tours to groups.

Groups up to 20 individuals at £70 per tour (normal cost at £140)

Groups up to 40 individuals at £100 per tour (normal cost at £280)

Tours are 1.5 hours long and are led by around over zoom by our tour leaders: Helen Knowles (curator) Eleanor Featherby (KCL alumni and midwife) and Hermione Wiltshire (BRC associate artist).

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